



## DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled "System and Method for Protecting an Audio Amplifier Output Stage Power Transistor" described and claimed in the specification which was filed on June 26, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/606,530.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, in the above-referenced application, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Declaration.

I acknowledge my duty pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below.

Title of Prior Application: Audio Amplifier Output Stage Protection

Application Serial No. 60/391,650

Filing Date of Prior Application: June 26, 2002

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Output Stage Power Transistor  
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE**

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73(b), the undersigned Assignee of record of the entire right, title, and interest in the above identified application, by virtue of an assignment submitted concurrently herewith, elects to conduct the prosecution of the application to the exclusion of the named inventors. The undersigned declares that he is an officer of the Assignee and has reviewed the above referenced assignment and declares that, to the best of his knowledge, title is in the name of the Assignee Gibson Guitar Corp.

Gibson Guitar Corp. hereby revokes all Powers of Attorney which have previously been issued. A new Power of Attorney is hereby issued. Accordingly, Gibson Guitar Corp. appoints:

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as its attorneys to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith

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Date: 10/2/03

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CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAILING

I hereby certify that this Power of Attorney is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Director of the USPTO, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 11-18-03.

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